State/U. T.	*Number of Blocks*
West Bengal	128
A & N Island	2
Chandigarh	-
D & N Haveli	1
Daman & Diu	1
Delhi	-
Lakshadweep	5
Pondicherry	-

Andhra Pradesh has confirmed that erstwhile block equivalents of Mandals identified as 120 only. In Sikkim, Districts have been taken as block equivalents.

[*English*]

Tapping of Resources by State Governments

3708. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government monitor tapping of resources by State Governments for development plans;

(b) if so, the States which did not succeed in tapping sufficient resources for development plans during the last three years; and

(c) the action, if the Union Government propose to take against defaulting State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most of the State have not mobilised the proposed/committed levels of additional resources for plans during the last three years. In case of special category State, additional resources mobilised were not considered for planing as these were left to improve negative blance from current revenues.

(c) In the case of State having actual resource mobilisation short fo proposed levels and thus total resources, the outlays are revised downward, compared to the approved outlay. Furthermore, Central assistance is cut in case of shortfalls in expenditure for earmarked sectors against revised outlay approved by the Planning Commission.

Scheme for Second Channel of Doordarshan

3709. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has cleared multi-million scheme to establish the second National Channel of Doordarshan:

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. P. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). The scheme is among those proposed by Ministry of information and Broadcasting for implementation in the Eighth Five Year plan, 1992-97. The planning Commission agrees with this in principle. However, its details have not

been received in Commission and its inclusion in the Eighth Five Year plan will be subject to availability of resources for the plan which have not yet been finalised.

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Sale of Flour Bags through PDS

3710. DR. C. SILVERA:
SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sell Agmark floor bags to ration card holders through the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details of price fixed for 10kg. bag;

(c) whether there is also proposal to sell the same four bags through other authorise agencies at different rates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the differences in rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d). The Central Government allocates wheat for distribution through the Fair Shops to consumers. Some State Governments have made arrangements to convert some quantity of these wheat allocations into atta for distribution to the consumers, against their quota of entitlement of wheat. The end retail price of atta is fixed by the State Governments.

Delhi Administration has arranged for conversion of some quantity of PDS wheat into wholemeal atta for distribution to consumers, against their wheat entitlement, in 10 Kg. consumer packs priced at Rs. 38/- per bag. Consumers are entitled to one bag of Agmark atta per month. Other agencies such as Super Bazar, Delhi; Kendriya Bhandar, Delhi; Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation; and Delhi Consumer Cooperative Wholesale Stores Ltd., also sell atta in 10 Kg consumer packs which are rice at Rs. 48.50 per bag of 10 Kg. These agencies obtain their requirement of wheat under the open sale of wheat by FCI at prices which are higher than PDS issue prices. Hence the difference in the price of Atta sold by these agencies.

Availability of Flour Bags

3711. SHRI GURIDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flour bags in the Capital are not available in the open market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHEMED): (a) to (c). No shortage of flour bags in the Capital has been reported. Super Bazar, Delhi, Kendriya Bhandar, Delhi, Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation sell flour (wheat atta) in 10 kg. bags to consumers in the Capital. In addition, the Delhi Administration has supplied more than 4 lakhs bags of the wholemeal atta during February, 1992, for distribution the consumers against their entitlement of wheat quota through the fair price shops. Agencies involved in the sale of atta have been monitoring the supply position.